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HALL OF MEDICINE TO BE DEDICATED JUNE 9: The Bernard Appel Hall of Medicine, currently being installed in the lobby of the Instructional Building, will be dedicated at ceremonies at the School Wednesday, June 9, at 4:30 p.m.

Distinguished medical historian and sculptor Doris Appel, who conceived and executed the work, will accept a citation from Dean Sandson. Mrs. Appel's sculptures are displayed in medical institutions and museums around the world.

The Hall of Medicine consists of 12 massive stone plaques, each eight feet high, depicting in bold relief great figures in the history of medicine. Formerly housed in the Medical Museum of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C., the Hall of Medicine has been renamed for the sculptor's husband, Bernard Appel, professor emeritus of dermatology at Tufts University School of Medicine and formerly on the staff of Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals (now University Hospital). It was donated to BUSM by two of Dr. and Mrs. Appel's daughters and their husbands: Blossom A. Sanger, M.D., and George M. Sanger, M.D.; and Nancy Baler and G. Robert Baler, M.D.

A reception will be held in Hiebert Lounge following the dedication ceremonies.

Mrs. Appel has also donated to the School a set of 12 plaques, depicting the heads of leaders in the progress of medicine. Approximately 11 by 13 inches, the plaques will be mounted in the library, in the curve of the stairwell leading both up and down from the 12th floor.

M.P.H. PROGRAM AWAITS TRUSTEE APPROVAL: A fall opening for the School's new part-time Masters in Public Health Program is still planned, but delays in approving the program have put that schedule in some doubt, reports Norman A. Scotch, Ph.D., chairman of the Department of Socio-Medical Sciences and Community Medicine. Approved by the University's Joint Committee on Degrees and New Degree Programs March 29, the program has been awaiting since then approval of the Faculty Senate Council, and finally of the University Trustees.

If approval by both bodies has been received, as expected, by the last week of May, applications will go out immediately, admissions will close about six weeks later, and the entering class will be announced about July 15. However, if approval is not forthcoming by the end of May, the opening may have to be postponed until the winter semester, Scotch said.

Approximately 50 students, most of them already holding a professional degree in health or a health-related discipline and having extensive work experience in the health field, will be accepted for the program's first class. More than 1200 requests for application forms have already been received.

Designed primarily for persons in the health field who wish to continue their education without leaving their jobs, the all-evening program will be the only one of its kind in the East. The M.P.H. is also the first degree other than the M.D. that the School of Medicine has ever agreed to award.



BYRNE TO SPEAK AT GRADUATION: John J. Byrne, M.D., director of the BUMC Hand Service and director of the Student Surgical Teaching Program at BUMC, will be the speaker at BUSM's Class Day Exercises, Sunday, May 23, at 2:30 p.m. at the Case Center Gymnasium. The title of his talk will be "Many Deans Ago."

The Class Day Exercises, at which 122 BUSM graduates will receive their hoods and degrees, will follow the all-University commencement ceremonies, scheduled from 11:30 to 1 p.m. A luncheon for School of Medicine graduates and their guests will be served in the Case Gymnasium at 1:30.

The 91 men and 31 women in the 1976 graduating class come from 19 states. One-third of the class is from Massachusetts. The graduates include 35 six-year students and one married couple.

HEALTH-MANPOWER BILL SET FOR SENATE: A health-manpower bill developed by Senator Edward M. Kennedy's subcommittee on health is ready to go before the Senate, Dean Sandson reported at the April 21 general faculty meeting. "With a lot of luck," the bill could be passed in time to result in increased capitation funds becoming available by June 30, he said. It is more likely, however, that capitation will be down 33 percent as of June 30, in accordance with provisions of the continuing resolution under which capitation funds are currently administered. Sandson said next year's tuition would probably remain at the announced level of \$5,300, even with a 33-percent capitation decrease.

The subcommittee's bill includes substantial amounts for capitation as well as for the loan program and scholarships. The authorization for capitation would be \$1,800 for fiscal 1977, with \$1,900 and \$2,000 for succeeding years. If approved by the Senate, the bill would have to go through the House-Senate Joint Conference Committee, and funds would have to be appropriated by May 15 in order for the legislation to be of assistance by July 1.

Sandson and Dean Lauro F. Cavazos of Tufts University School of Medicine have submitted to both the Rogers (House) and Kennedy (Senate) subcommittees on health a plan for "differential capitation" for medical schools that receive no state subsidy. Under the plan, any new national health manpower bill would provide that such schools receive larger capitation grants than schools located in states providing subsidies.

FACULTY RECEIVE LOAN FUND APPEAL: Twelve hundred hand-signed letters containing an appeal by Dean Sandson for contributions to the Student Revolving Loan Fund were sent to faculty members Monday, May 3. Established at BUSM last year, the Fund aims to ensure the continuing availability of financial assistance for students by offering low-interest loans with repayment on a long-term basis.

In the letter, Sandson points out that it costs each student \$9,600 a year to attend BUSM, and that, since the School has very little available scholarship aid, almost all the assistance students receive comes from loans. Some of these carry an interest rate as high as 11 percent and require that the interest be paid while the student is still in medical school.

If each of the 1,200 faculty members were to contribute only \$10 a month for five years, the Student Revolving Loan Fund would total \$720,000. "With such a show of loyalty and support, it should be possible to raise an equal amount from alumni and other donors," Sandson said in the letter.



FIRST KEEFER, BAKST SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: The first awards of two new and highly prestigious scholarships were made in recent months to members of the Class of 1976.

The first Chester Scott Keefer Scholarship was awarded to John G. Schneider. Named for the late Dr. Keefer, who was a former dean, chairman of the Division of Medicine, health advisor to President Eisenhower, and a creative force in the creation of the Six-Year Program, the Keefer scholarship is designated for "a student who embodies the ideal of excellence." Schneider, who comes from Cincinnati and is a graduate of the University of Michigan, will do his post-graduate training in medicine at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston next year.

The first Henry Jacob Bakst Scholarship was awarded to Charles R. McKay, a Boston resident and graduate of Northeastern University. To be awarded annually to a student "who has demonstrated the qualities that exemplify the true physician," the scholarship is named for Dr. Bakst, a former dean of the School of Medicine, who held the title of Professor of Preventive Medicine, Emeritus, at his death in 1972, after 40 years of service to the School. McKay will go to Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital next year for postgraduate training in Medicine.

FREED ELECTED TO HEAD ALUMNI: More than 200 alumni, students and guests attended the one hundred and first annual meeting and banquet of the Alumni Association of BUSM at the 57 Restaurant Saturday, May 1. Elected officers of the Association for the coming year were: Murray M. Freed, '52, president; Alan S. Cohen, '52, first vice president; P. Anthony Penta, '51, second vice president; Job Fuchs, '44, secretary; Edward Spindell, '53, assistant secretary; Lester F. Williams Jr., '56, treasurer; Donald T. Devine, '50, assistant treasurer; and Barry M. Manuel, '58, auditor.

Appointed to the Association's Board of Directors were (term expiring in 1977) Elizabeth C. Dooling, '65, and Anna Silverman Boruchoff, '49; (term expiring in 1978) Donna R. Barnard, '65, and Martin B. Levene, '50; (term expiring in 1979) Arnold L. Berenberg, '46, and Judith L. Vaitukaitis, '66. Named to the Nominating Committee were Peter E. Pochi, '55, chairman; and Elizabeth C. Dooling, '65, and Martin B. Levene, '50.

Michael H. Mescon, Ph.D., Regents' Professor of Human Relations and chairman of the Department of Management at Georgia State University spoke on the roles and responsibilities of individuals and institutions. Cohen presented outgoing president Herbert Mescon, M.D., with a replica of a rocking chair representing the real chair Mescon will receive from the Association in appreciation of his service over the past year. Dean Sandson addressed the gathering, extending thanks to Bernard Tolnick, '43, Alumni Fund chairman, and Barry Manuel, '58, membership chairman for the Dean's Club, for their outstanding work in raising funds for the School.

Alumni Day activities had begun earlier on the day of the banquet with registration and coffee in the lobby of the Instructional Building, followed by a talk by Dean Sandson. The annual luncheon was served under a striped awning on the Green, and was followed by an enthusiastically received seminar on "The Physician and Estate Planning," presented by David K. Farnsworth, Boston University Director of Planned Giving, and featuring a panel of three Boston attorneys



specializing in estate planning.

SEARCH COMMITTEE TO BEGIN INTERVIEWING: The search committee charged with finding a successor to John A. Mannick, M.D., as chairman of the Division of Surgery and UH surgeon-in-chief was planning to begin conducting interviews this week. Dean Sandson reports the committee has been meeting weekly since the end of March, reviewing the needs of the department and arriving at a set of attributes it considers desirable in a successor. It hopes to name a new surgery chief by July 1, when Mannick will begin his new duties as Mosley Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School and chief of surgery at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

Members of the search committee are Dean Sandson, chairman; Ann Ameigh, John H. Betjemann, Donald F. Booth, Richard D. Bush, Alan S. Cohen, Richard H. Egdahl, Carl Franzblau, Ruth R. Levine, Norman G. Levinsky, Carl A. Olsson, Steven Porter, Jerome H. Shapiro, Crawford Smith, and Frederick Stone.

FIRST-YEAR COURSES SHIFTED: The first-year schedule of courses has been rearranged for next year to prevent the interruption of any course by the Christmas vacation, the Curriculum Committee has announced. Neurosciences, which formerly began two weeks before the holiday, will start after Christmas recess, and histology will be moved to the fall. Under the new schedule, all first-year fall-semester courses will end by Christmas.

PROMOTION GUIDELINES TO GO TO FACULTY: Proposed promotion guidelines, developed by each of the three Promotions Committees over the past nine months, have been modified after suggestions were received from both the Executive Committee and representatives of SCOMSA, and will be submitted to the faculty at the next general faculty meeting May 12.

The Promotions Committees began work last July putting into writing for the first time sets of guidelines to be followed in considering the promotion of students from one year to the next. Formulated largely as a result of student requests for written policies, the proposed guidelines incorporate several student suggestions, according to William F. McNary, Ph.D., associate dean for student affairs. The guidelines deal with such matters as grade requirements for promotion, conditions under which make-up exams or remedial programs must be taken, students evaluations, and the like,

LIBRARY ADDS MEDLINE BACKFILE: Medline Backfile, a new bibliographic search service that extends the library's retrieval reach back to 1966, has been added to the library's services, reports head librarian Irene Christopher. The new service supplements the existing standard Medline search service, which covers bibliographic data from 1974 to the present. The fee for a Medline Backfile search is \$15--five dollars more than for a Medline search.

Three new data bases are also available at the library: Cancerproj (Cancer Projects), AVline (Audiovisuals On-line), and Epilepsy. These have been added to the Medline, Toxline and Cancerline already offered. Miss Christopher reports that the reference staff is also interested in providing monthly search on SDI-line for any interested staff members. SDI-line is the latest month of Index Medicus that is available by computer before publication. Searches can be formulated just as on Medline and run on a monthly basis.



SUBCOMMITTEES TO STUDY LONG-RANGE GOALS: Four subcommittees of the Curriculum Committee were being formed last week to determine desirable outcomes for each curricular year in terms of what students should know and what skills they should have. Associate Dean John McCahan said the subcommittees would probably submit their reports by the end of June. Their work will constitute the first in a series of four steps aimed at answering the following questions dealing with long-range curricular goals, McCahan said: (1) What should the School be doing? (2) What is it, in fact, doing? (3) What are the differences between the two? and (4) How do we resolve the differences?

37 GET TOP INTERNSHIP CHOICE: Thirty-seven of 118 participating BUSM students were assigned their first choice in the National Internship and Residency Matching Program (NIRMP), 22 were matched with their second choice, and 10 received their third choice. Thirty others got their fourth, fifth or sixth choice, and 10 matched independently. Students learned of their internship assignments on Matching Day, March 10.

A total of 28 students will intern with BUSM-affiliated programs: 10 at the Boston VA Hospital, six at Boston City, four at University Hospital, two at Carney, and two at Framingham Union. Fifty-four chose general medicine; 15, surgery; 13, pediatrics; six, family practice; and five, obstetrics-gynecology.

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